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1. GOC SPOKESMAN WILLUGHBY ANNOUNCED SEPT 25 THAT HEAD OF STATE PINOCHET HAD ORDERED LEGAL STEPS TO DEPRIVE LUIS FIGUEROA MAZUELA OF CHILEAN NATIONALITY. FIGUEROA, A COMMUNIST, WAS MIN LABOR, DEPUTY, AND PRES MAIN LABOR FEDERATION, CUT, AT VARIOUS TIMES BEFORE AND DURING ALLENDE YEARS, AND LEFT CHILE AFTER THE SEPT 11, 1973, COUP VIA THE FOREIGN EMBASSY ASYLEE SAFE-CONDUCT ROUTE.

2. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, FIGUEROA'S OFFENSE WAS RECENT STATEMENT IN PARIS ACCUSING PRESENT GOC OF KILLNGS, TORTURE, ETC. PRESS NOTES THAT THIS IS SECOND KNOWN CASE OF DEPRIVATION OF NATIONALITY. FIRST WAS THAT OF FORMER NEWSMAN HERNAN URIBE ORTEGA, NOW IN MEXICO, REPORTED REFTEL C.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS SECOND USE THIS MONTH OF EXTRAORDINARY AUTHORITY WHICH JUNTA DECREED FOR ITSELF IN DEC 73. ALSO THIS
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MONTH GOC MADE FIRST USE OF ANOTHER DECREE IN BARRING REENTRY

INTO CHILE OF SOCIALIST ANICETO RODRIGUEZ, WHO MADE CRITICAL STATEMENT IN CARACAS (REFTEL B). THE NOTICES, WHICH THEORETICALLY MUST APPEAR IN THE DIARIO OFICIAL IN THESE CASES, HAVE SO FAR NOT BEEN ISSUED. WE ASSUME THIS IS SIMPLE BUREAUCRATIC DELAY.

4. WITH APPARENT FIRST USE OF STILL ANOTHER DECREE WHICH PERMITS EXPULSION CHILEANS ON "NATIONAL SECURITY" GROUNDS (REFTEL A), PATTERN SEEMS TO BE EMERGING OF REGULAR USE OF "LEGAL" PUNISHMENT FOR OPPONENTS OR CRITICS WHO GOC EITHER CANNOT REACH BECAUSE THEY ARE IN EXILE OR DOES NOT WANT TO TRY AND IMPRISON IN CHILE.

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